

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the present Application.

The Applicants wish to express their appreciation for the Examiner's allowance of claims 7-8, and the indication that claim 6 contains patentable subject matter.

In order to advance the present application to issue, the Applicants have amended claim 6 into independent form. Claims 1-5 have been cancelled, without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the Applicants respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 6-8.

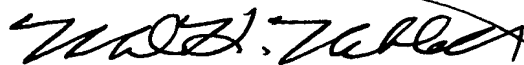
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056208.5133US).

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